

City Neighborhood Council
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Monday, January 28, 2008
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
West Precinct Conference Room
810 Virginia Street

Chair: Chris Leman (Lake Union), cleman@oo.net, (206) 322-5463
Vice Chair: Pat Murakami (Southeast), president@mountbaker.org
Secretary: Judith Edwards (Greater Duwamish), judedw@comcast.net

DRAFT AGENDA:

6:30 Introductions, review/approval of agenda, approval/revision of Nov. 26 minutes
6:35 Motion to reconsider CNC's Nov. 26 acceptance of a tie vote for CNC chair
6:40 (If motion to reconsider does pass) Election of a CNC chair
7:00 Discussion of possible by-laws amendment(s) (no vote to be taken)
7:05 Welcome to new City Councilmember Bruce Harrell
7:35 Welcome to new City Councilmember Tim Burgess
8:05 Introduction of new Department of Neighborhoods Staff--Stella Chao, Director
8:15 Update on February 10 citizens budget conference and a later community-building
workshop 8:20 Reports of CNC's committees
Budget Committee--Ron Boddie, Chair
Neighborhood Planning Committee--Irene Wall, Chair
Neighborhood Matching Fund Oversight Committee--Robin Sizemore, Chair
Transportation Committee--Ref Lindmark, Acting Chair
CNC executive committee
8:30 Solicitation of input for updating the CNC work plan for 2008
8:35 Continued roundtable on district council challenges and opportunities
9:00 Adjourn

NOV. 26 MINUTES: Draft minutes from the Nov. 26 CNC meeting are on the web site at
http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/2007_11_Minutes.pdf; or go to
<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/minutes.htm> and click on "2007-11 draft minutes."
They are also available on request from Wendy Watson at 684-0719.

UPCOMING:

These events are open to the public. CNC agendas and minutes are available at
www.seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil, which also has CNC's by-laws, 2007 work plan, contact
information for district representatives, correspondence, and videos and other documents. If you
can't come, your ideas are welcome now!

City Neighborhood Council meets Monday, January 28, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the West Precinct, 810
Virginia St. Draft agenda is above. The following CNC meeting is Monday, February 25;
suggestions on both agendas are welcome.

CNC Executive Committee next meeting is tentatively Monday, Feb. 4, 5-6 p.m. at the Fremont
Neighborhood Service Center, 908 N. 34th Street. All are welcome to attend, or if you would like
to participate by conference telephone, contact Chris Leman at (206) 322-5463 or
cleman@oo.net.

CNC Budget Committee, chaired by Ron Boddie (Central District), rjboddie_2@msn.com. Next
meetings: Feb. 6 and March 5, both first Wednesdays noon to 1:30 at Seattle Central Grind,
2724 E. Cherry St. (corner of M. L. King and Cherry)

CNC Neighborhood Matching Fund Review Committee, chaired by Robin Sizemore, robin.sizemore@comcast.net. Next meeting: Tues., Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Queen Anne/Magnolia Neighborhood Service Center, 160 Roy Street.

CNC Neighborhood Planning Committee, chaired by Irene Wall (Northwest District), iwall@serv.net. Next meeting: Thurs., Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m. at the West Precinct, 810 Virginia St.

CNC Transportation Committee, chaired by Ref Lindmark (Northwest District), refl@nwlink.com. Next meeting: Friday, Feb. 15 (11:30 a.m. in room 4090 of the Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue).

BACKGROUND:

Welcome to new City Councilmembers. Every current City Councilmember has spoken to the CNC at one time or another. It has been traditional at an early meeting for CNC to have as guest speakers the newly elected City Councilmembers, and we are pleased that Tim Burgess and Bruce Harrell will be guest speakers on Jan. 28.

Citizens Budget Conference--Feb. 10. To kick off development of the biennial budget, the City Neighborhood Council holds a citizens budget conference with the cooperation of the executive branch and the City Council. The 2008 Citizens Budget Conference will be Sunday, Feb. 10, from 12-5 p.m. in the third floor conference center at Seattle Center House. This is a unique opportunity for dialogue with City officials about the needs of your neighborhood. Publicity is forthcoming. For more information: 206-322-5463, cleman@oo.net, or rjboddie_2@msn.com. Video of the 2006 Citizens Budget Conference is at <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=5010604>.

Workshop on community-building. District councils are invited to co-sponsor a workshop on community-building, modeled after the January 2007 event which featured public officials and citizen speakers, and breakout sessions. The 2007 workshop was organized by a committee of district council representatives and their neighborhood service coordinators. Video of the event is at <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=5010713>. As several district councils have already done, please have your district council be co-sponsor, designate a volunteer to serve on the planning committee, and arrange for your district coordinator to allocate \$100-200 from your district's outreach fund. Coordinator is Judith Edwards (Greater Duwamish District Council, and CNC Secretary) at judedw@comcast.net or 329-8801.

CNC work plan. CNC's annual work plan is normally adopted at the February meeting. The 2007 work plan can be found at http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/workplan_2007.pdf, or by clicking at <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil>. There will be time only for brief discussion at the January 28 meeting, so please let us know soon if you expect to propose any substantial revisions for the 2008 version.

CNC elections. [Note: The following statement was approved by CNC's nominating committee.] The City Neighborhood Council's annual elections are governed by its by-laws, which are available at <http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/bylaws.htm> <<http://seattle.gov/neighborhoodcouncil/bylaws.htm>>, or can be requested from Wendy Watson at 684-0719. Officers are elected annually, and serve until the January CNC meeting. As reflected in the draft minutes (link provided above) CNC at its Nov. 26 meeting elected Pete Spalding as vice chair and Dick Selin as secretary, and re-elected four committee chairs and elected one committee co-chair. There was also a tie for chair between Chris Leman and Pat Murakami, and CNC voted to accept this result as creating a co-chair arrangement. After closer examination of the CNC by-laws and Robert's Rules of Order (<http://www.rulesonline.com/start.html#welcome.htm>), CNC's nominating committee and executive committee now believe that the by-laws do not permit a co-chair arrangement, and require additional balloting until a chair candidate has a majority. Thus we expect that a first

order of business at the Jan. 28 meeting will be a motion to reconsider CNC's previous acceptance of the tie vote; and if the motion to reconsider is passed, nominations will be reopened, and there will be another ballot for chair. As he did at the Nov. 26 meeting, the CNC chair plans to turn over this part of the meeting to the nominating committee, who consist of Judith Edwards, Cheryl Klinker, Dennis Ross, and Andrew Taylor. Later in the meeting, there will be discussion (but no action) on possible by-law revisions prompted by this recent experience. Thank you to all who have helped CNC address its election process in a way that is faithful to its by-laws and keeps CNC united and responsive.

Any questions or comments on the above are welcome. Please make sure to note the meeting dates listed.

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